Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting July 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on July 28, 2016, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Jeffrey Caine, and Jeff Berres. William Muche and Ed Nelson were absent. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present. County Administrator Jim Mielke and Human Resources Director Sarah Eske were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Berres to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2016: Minutes of July 21, 2016, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Thompson distributed and explained copies of a map highlighting county highways by functional classification. Field presented a plan for participation in the proposed state-wide town hall meeting to be hosted in Juneau the evening of September 29th. Concerns about warning signs at the railroad crossing of CTH G in Reeseville were discussed. Department staff will review and address these concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee reports.

PROJECT UPDATES: The Neosho shop replacement project remains on schedule. Maintenance crews are performing paving, shouldering, striping, and mowing duties.

CTH YY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE: Crews are preparing subgrade and placing base course. Ditch sloping and restoration efforts are under way. Tree removals and pipe installations are also in progress.

DISCUSS NO PARKING REQUEST ON CTH T NORTH OF STH 16/60: A request from the Town of Elba Town Board for a no parking restriction on CTH T north of STH 16/60 was reviewed and discussed. The Committee will field review this area and possibly take action at a future meeting.

DISCUSS STAFFING CONCERNS: Staff turnover and recruiting challenges were discussed. These concerns will continue to be addressed at future meetings.

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ELIMINATING AN EXISTING POSITION AND CREATING A NEW POSITION ON THE ACCOUNTING STAFF **ROSTER:** This item was laid over to a future meeting.

CONSIDER CREATING A JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER POLICY: The Committee discussed jurisdictional transfer options on sections of county trunk highways in or approaching local municipalities. It was the consensus of the members present that jurisdictional transfers be considered when annexations and access permits are applied for in the future.

DISCUSS ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING AIRPORT SEMINAR: Thompson presented airport land use seminar information to members for their attendance consideration.

REVIEW VOUCHER PAYMENTS: Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: staffing concerns, Neosho shop project, CTH T parking concerns, and ATV-UTV route requests.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on August 4, 2016, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: The Committee field reviewed CTH T north of STH 16/60 and the CTH G railroad crossing in Reeseville. They also toured the Neosho shop replacement project.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Harold J. Johnson Chairman

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Committee meeting.